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MINUTES

of the

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

for the year ending

October, 1865.

1.

The Synod of New Jersey met in the first Presbyterian Church, and was opened with a sermon from Romans 4: 1, by the Rev. E. T. CHAPIN, D. D., the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted by prayer.

MINISTERS: LORDS. HYNDFORD, JAMES, DOUGLAS,
BLAIR, EDWARDS, COPE, MILLER, STODART, HAY
DOUGLAS, BARKER, FRITH, MURRAY, DOUGLAS, SCOTLAND,
LORDS, BARKER, FRITH, MURRAY, DOUGLAS, SCOTLAND,

HEDGECOCK, WILLIAM H. HARRISON, WILLIAM H. HARRISON, DON,
 HARRISON, OLIVER, HARRISON, GARY, HARRISON, CHARLES,
 HARRISON, HARRISON, HARRISON.

MINUTES: 1871-1872, 1873-1874, 1875-1876, 1877-1878, 1879-1880, 1881-1882, 1883-1884, 1885-1886, 1887-1888, 1889-1890, 1891-1892, 1893-1894, 1895-1896, 1897-1898, 1899-1900, 1901-1902, 1903-1904, 1905-1906, 1907-1908, 1909-1910, 1911-1912, 1913-1914, 1915-1916, 1917-1918, 1919-1920, 1921-1922, 1923-1924, 1925-1926, 1927-1928, 1929-1930, 1931-1932, 1933-1934, 1935-1936, 1937-1938, 1939-1940, 1941-1942, 1943-1944, 1945-1946, 1947-1948, 1949-1950, 1951-1952, 1953-1954, 1955-1956, 1957-1958, 1959-1960, 1961-1962, 1963-1964, 1965-1966, 1967-1968, 1969-1970, 1971-1972, 1973-1974, 1975-1976, 1977-1978, 1979-1980, 1981-1982, 1983-1984, 1985-1986, 1987-1988, 1989-1990, 1991-1992, 1993-1994, 1995-1996, 1997-1998, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2007-2008, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2013-2014, 2015-2016, 2017-2018, 2019-2020, 2021-2022, 2023-2024, 2025-2026, 2027-2028, 2029-2030, 2031-2032, 2033-2034, 2035-2036, 2037-2038, 2039-2040, 2041-2042, 2043-2044, 2045-2046, 2047-2048, 2049-2050, 2051-2052, 2053-2054, 2055-2056, 2057-2058, 2059-2060, 2061-2062, 2063-2064, 2065-2066, 2067-2068, 2069-2070, 2071-2072, 2073-2074, 2075-2076, 2077-2078, 2079-2080, 2081-2082, 2083-2084, 2085-2086, 2087-2088, 2089-2090, 2091-2092, 2093-2094, 2095-2096, 2097-2098, 2099-2100, 2101-2102, 2103-2104, 2105-2106, 2107-2108, 2109-2110, 2111-2112, 2113-2114, 2115-2116, 2117-2118, 2119-2120, 2121-2122, 2123-2124, 2125-2126, 2127-2128, 2129-2130, 2131-2132, 2133-2134, 2135-2136, 2137-2138, 2139-2140, 2141-2142, 2143-2144, 2145-2146, 2147-2148, 2149-2150, 2151-2152, 2153-2154, 2155-2156, 2157-2158, 2159-2160, 2161-2162, 2163-2164, 2165-2166, 2167-2168, 2169-2170, 2171-2172, 2173-2174, 2175-2176, 2177-2178, 2179-2180, 2181-2182, 2183-2184, 2185-2186, 2187-2188, 2189-2190, 2191-2192, 2193-2194, 2195-2196, 2197-2198, 2199-2200, 2201-2202, 2203-2204, 2205-2206, 2207-2208, 2209-2210, 2211-2212, 2213-2214, 2215-2216, 2217-2218, 2219-2220, 2221-2222, 2223-2224, 2225-2226, 2227-2228, 2229-2230, 2231-2232, 2233-2234, 2235-2236, 2237-2238, 2239-2240, 2241-2242, 2243-2244, 2245-2246, 2247-2248, 2249-2250, 2251-2252, 2253-2254, 2255-2256, 2257-2258, 2259-2260, 2261-2262, 2263-2264, 2265-2266, 2267-2268, 2269-2270, 2271-2272, 2273-2274, 2275-2276, 2277-2278, 2279-2280, 2281-2282, 2283-2284, 2285-2286, 2287-2288, 2289-2290, 2291-2292, 2293-2294, 2295-2296, 2297-2298, 2299-2300, 2301-2302, 2303-2304, 2305-2306, 2307-2308, 2309-2310, 2311-2312, 2313-2314, 2315-2316, 2317-2318, 2319-2320, 2321-2322, 2323-2324, 2325-2326, 2327-2328, 2329-2330, 2331-2332, 2333-2334, 2335-2336, 2337-2338, 2339-2340, 2341-2342, 2343-2344, 2345-2346, 2347-2348, 2349-2350, 2351-2352, 2353-2354, 2355-2356, 2357-2358, 2359-2360, 2361-2362, 2363-2364, 2365-2366, 2367-2368, 2369-2370, 2371-2372, 2373-2374, 2375-2376, 2377-2378, 2379-2380, 2381-2382, 2383-2384, 2385-2386, 2387-2388, 2389-2390, 2391-2392, 2393-2394, 2395-2396, 2397-2398, 2399-2400, 2401-2402, 2403-2404, 2405-2406, 2407-2408, 2409-2410, 2411-2412, 2413-2414, 2415-2416, 2417-2418, 2419-2420, 2421-2422, 2423-2424, 2425-2426, 2427-2428, 2429-2430, 2431-2432, 2433-2434, 2435-2436, 2437-2438, 2439-2440, 2441-2442, 2443-2444, 2445-2446, 2447-2448, 2449-2450, 2451-2452, 2453-2454, 2455-2456, 2457-2458, 2459-2460, 2461-2462, 2463-2464, 2465-2466, 2467-2468, 2469-2470, 2471-2472, 2473-2474, 2475-2476, 2477-2478, 2479-2480, 2481-2482, 2483-2484, 2485-2486, 2487-2488, 2489-2490, 2491-2492, 2493-2494, 2495-2496, 2497-2498, 2499-2500, 2501-2502, 2503-2504, 2505-2506, 2507-2508, 2509-2510, 2511-2512, 2513-2514, 2515-2516, 2517-2518, 2519-2520, 2521-2522, 2523-2524, 2525-2526, 2527-2528, 2529-2530, 2531-2532, 2533-2534, 2535-2536, 2537-2538, 2539-2540, 2541-2542, 2543-2544, 2545-2546, 2547-2548, 2549-2550, 2551-2552, 2553-2554, 2555-2556, 2557-2558, 2559-2560, 2561-2562, 2563-2564, 2565-2566, 2567-2568, 2569-2570, 2571-2572, 2573-2574, 2575-2576, 2577-2578, 2579-2580, 2581-2582, 2583-2584, 2585-2586, 2587-2588, 2589-2590, 2591-2592, 2593-2594, 2595-2596, 2597-2598, 2599-2600, 2601-2602, 2603-2604, 2605-2606, 2607-2608, 2609-2610, 2611-2612, 2613-2614

ELDER: JACOB. MILANO, ELBERT, ELLISON,
ANDERSON, SHARP, GUNSTILL, JOHNSON.

MEMBERS: JAMES L. GORDON, WILLIAM W. GORDON,
STEPHEN W. GORDON, HENRY L. GORDON, W. W. GORDON,

HALE, MC ILVAINE, MOFF T, AYLER, HOOVER,
WESTERVELT, HALL, WHITE, DUFFIELD, GREEN,
CATWELL, WAIN, STEBBINS, GOSMAN, BLACKBURN,
CHAPIN, SYMES, C. W. HODGE, MANNING, HARLOW,
BEATTY, JENKS, WALL, NASSAU, D. J. ATTWATER.

ELDERS: MESSRS. BROKAW, WRIGHT, J. V. PERMONT,
MERSON, COOK, MYRICK, MULLER, STULTS, J. PERMONT,
CHRISTER, BURFOUGH, SWANGLF, HUNT.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON

MINISTERS: MESSRS. HAND, REILEY, MCGEE, BUSH,
SIMANTON, PORTSMAN, BARRET, KNIGHTON, KIRK, DAVIS,
MOTT, C. R. LANE, PETRIE, CLARK, EVERETT, BRYAN.

ELDERS: MESSRS. VAIL, PERKINS, ROSS, ROSENBERY,
STEWART, BARBER, KOLB, TEAL, KENNEDY, RYERSON.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY

MINISTERS: MESSRS. WILLIAMSON, FORD, BAIRD,
BROWN, GREGORY, WOOD, ATKIN, HUBBARD, SHIELDS,
CONKEY, MCCONAUGHY, DAVIS, BRACE, CORNELL,
COTTREL, McMULLEN.

ELDERS: MESSRS. STEVENS, LUTON, WARE, HARDING,
FITHIAN, BATEMAN, WILLIAMS, BOWEN.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA

MINISTERS: REV. W. R. CORSS.

ELDERS: NONE.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF LUCERNE

MINISTERS: MESSRS. SNOWDEN, WHITE, ROSENTHAL,
HICKOK, PARK, LANE, LOWERY, WELLS, J. A. HODGE,
WEIDMAN, DOD, NEWLIN.

ELDERS: MESSRS. T. M. RUSSEL, FULLER, GRAY,
COOK, G. WIGGANS, G. F. WIGGANS, R. L. RUSSEL.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF RARITAN

MINISTERS: MESSRS. KINKPATRICK, STUDDIFORD,
J. L. JANEWAY, GLEN, SPAYD, UPHAM, J. A.
BLANWELT, VAN DYKE, VAN WICK, BURTONS,
T. B. H. JANEWAY, RANDOLPH.

ELDERS: BELLIS, EMMORY, SWACKHAMMER, WYNKOOP,
SHARP, STIGER, HOFF.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO

MINISTERS: NONE.

ELDERS: NONE.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF BURLINGTON

MINISTERS: MESSRS. PERKINS, REED, PLUMER, S.
MILLER, HODGE, BAKER, KETCHAM, HAZARD, TITMUS,
I. E. MILLER, THOMPSON.

ELDERS: MESSRS. HOWELL, MURPHY, SCUDDER.

FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH

MINISTERS: MESSRS. MCLEAN, WORRELL, ROGERS, COBB,
CHANDLER, WELLS, FREEMAN.

ELDERS: MESSRS. GRIGGS, GULICK.

The roll having been called, the Rev. John
T. Duffield, D. D. was chosen Moderator, and
the Rev. Messrs. Rodgers and Hale were chosen
Clerks.

Resolved, That the Synod will meet at 9 o'clock
A. M. and take a recess from 1 P. M. to 3 P. M. and
from half past 5 P. M. to half past 7 P. M.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod to make arrangements for the religious exercises of this meeting recommended,

First,-That the last half hour in the morning and afternoon of each day of the Sessions of the Synod be spent in devotional exercises under the direction of the Moderator; and that the special subject of petition on the first day be, the closer and more practical fellowship and affection among all who profess to be the followers of Christ, and on the second, The outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the revival of pure religion.

Second-That the Synodical prayer meeting be held in the First Church under the direction of the Moderator, at half past 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening; that the narrative of the state of religion be read, and that an address be delivered by the Rev. H. I. Coe, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, on behalf of the several Boards of the church-and that the Rev. Mr. Arbousett, French Pastor in Tahiti, and Chaplain of Queen Pomare, now present, be invited to address the Synod at that time.

The recommendation was adopted.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18, 1865
9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

The Minutes of the last Stated meeting of the Synod were read.

The usual committees were then appointed.

Ordered, That the Committee of bills and overtures meet immediately in the lecture room of this church.

Ordered, That the Judicial committee meet upon the call of the chairman.

The Rev. George Burrows, D. D. of the Synod of the Pacific, was introduced to the Synod and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Resolved, That at the proper time, the Synod will hear Dr. Burrows with reference to the interests of education on the Pacific coast.

The Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D. D. one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Resolved, That the Synod will hear Dr. Taylor in relation to the operations of the American Bible Society at half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Logan, Secretary of the Western committee for the instruction of the Freedman be invited, when present, (as the Synod has learned that it is his purpose to be,) to address the Synod upon the subject which he has in charge.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of the Synod be held in the 1st Church of Elizabeth, on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1866, at 3 o'clock, P. M. and that the Moderator of the Synod, the Pastor of the church and Rueben Van Pelt, Esq. Elder, be the committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of that meeting of the Synod.

The committee on leave of absence had leave to retire.

Overture No. 4. on the subject of a division of the Synod, referred from the last meeting of the Synod to this meeting, was taken up and after some discussion was committed to a committee of one Minister and one Elder from each Presbytery.

The following persons were appointed.

Presbytery of Luzerne, Dr. Hickok, chairman, Mr. Gray; Presbytery of Elizabeth, Dr. Shedd, Mr. A. B. McCullom; Presbytery of Passaic, Dr. Hornblower, Mr. Wm. C. Wallace; Presbytery of New Brunswick, Dr. McDonald, Mr. J. W. Burroughs; Presbytery of Newton, Rev. Mr. Mott, Mr. Wm. J. Stewart; Presbytery of W. Jersey, Rev. Mr. Brown, Mr. Bowen; Presbytery of Raritan, Dr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Hoff; Presbytery of Burlington, Dr. Reed, Mr. Scudder; Presbytery of Monmouth, Rev. Mr. Chandler, Mr. Gulick; Presbytery of Susquehanna, Rev. Mr. Corss, No Elder present.

The Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries composing the Synod were read and accepted, and are as follows:-

1st. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 30 Ministers, and have under their care 11 churches, 2 Licentiates and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 24th of October last, they ordained Mr. E. V. E. Ten Eyck, a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist-that on the 5th of December they licensed Mr. Reuben H. Van Pelt to preach the gospel-that on the 10th of January, 1865, they licensed Mr. Charles D. Roberts to preach the gospel-that on the 18th of April they received the Rev. Jas. A. Little from the 3d Presbytery of New York, and on the 27th of the same month, installed him pastor of the church of Perth Amboy-that on the 19th of April, they dismissed the Rev.

A. T. Graves to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia-received under their care Mr. George M. Sheldon as a candidate for the gospel ministry, and licensed him to preach the gospel-that on the same day they ordained Mr. Charles D. Roberts to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist, with a view to his laboring as a Missionary in Western Virginia, and dropped the names of Julius H. Cone and James R. Campbell, from the list of candidates for the gospel ministry-that on the 25th of July they received the Rev. J. A. Ligget from the Presbytery of Ebenezer, and installed him pastor of the 2d Church of Rahway, and on the same day dismissed the Rev. V. L. R. Lockwood to join the Presbytery of Nassau-that on the 1st of August they dismissed Mr. Wm. E. Honeyman, a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Rockaway-and that on the 4th of October they received under their care Mr. Charles T. Anderson, as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

The Presbytery further report, that all the churches under its care have made collections for the different objects specified in the report to the General Assembly, except that the 1st church of Rahway failed to contribute to the Board of Education-the church of Pluckamin to the Board of Publication, and the church of New Providence to the fund for Disabled Ministers, etc .

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Presbytery,

J. T. ENGLISH, Stated Clerk

2d. The Presbytery of Passaic, report to the Synod of New-Jersey, that they consist of 20 Ministers, and have under their care 15 Churches, 3 Licentiates and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 19th of October, 1864, they received under their care

Mr. George C. Pollock, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Newton, and that on the 15th of November, he was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the church at Lyon's Farms-that on the 1st of December they received the Rev. Wm. C. Roberts from the Presbytery of Columbus, and installed him colleague pastor of the 2d Presbyterian church of Elizabeth-that on the 18th of April, 1865, Mr. Nelson A. Rankin was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and Mr. Robert L. Smith, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Harmony, S. C.-that on the 10th of May, the Rev. H. N. Brinsmade, D. D., was received from the Beloit District Convention-the pastoral relation between the Rev. David Irving, D. D., and the 1st church of Morristown was dissolved. Mr. Henry U. Swimmerton was licensed to preach the gospel-and on that same day, the Rev. David Magie, D. D. departed this life, and that on the 15th of May, the Wickliffe Street church was organized.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

ROBERT STRENT, Stated Clerk.

3d. The Presbytery of New-Brunswick, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 46 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches, 20 Licentiates and 12 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 25th of November, 1864, Mr. David J. Atwater, a licentiate under their care, was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the Ewing church-that on the 7th of December, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph R. Mann, D. D. and the 2d church of Princeton, and ordained Mr. Thomas S. Johnson to the work of the gospel ministry as

an Evangelist-that on the 25th of December they dismissed Mr. William J. Parrot, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chippewa-that on the 21st of the same month, they organized a church at South Amboy-that on the 22d of February, 1865, Mr. Samuel H. Thompson a licentiate, was to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Donegal, Ireland-that on the 22d of April, Mr. Theron Brittain a licentiate, was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Hudson River Presbytery-that on the 18th of April they received the Rev. Edward Wall from the Presbytery of Albany, and on the 2d of May installed him pastor of the Kingston church-that on the 18th of April they dismissed Mr. William Moore a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Stratford Presbytery, Canada West-that on the 20th of April, they received under their care Mr. Reading B. Johns a licentiate from the Raritan Presbytery-that on the 22d of April, Mr. David Van Derveer a licentiate, was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Albany Presbytery-that on the 20th of the same month, Messrs. Samuel R. Anderson, Robert S. Van Cleve, Wallace Radcliffe, William H. Sawtelle, David Vanderveer, John F. Martien, John C. Elliot, George S. Bergen, John F. Forbes, John G. Cameron, Peter P. Hedges, and Henry Branch, were licensed as probationers for the gospel ministry-that on the 23d of May, they ordained Mr. Geo. S. Bergen as an Evangelist-that on the 17th of July they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry A. Farlow and the 2d church of New-Brunswick-that on the 20th of the same month they dismissed Messrs. George Slute and Chas. Fuller licentiates to the Palmyra Presbytery-that on the 19th of August they dismissed Mr. Frederick W. Wines licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Sangamon

Presbytery-that on the 7th of September they dismissed Mr. Philip S. Jennings licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Ohio Presbytery-that on the 8th of the same month, they dismissed Mr. Henry Branch a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the New Castle Presbytery-that on the 13th of September they dismissed Mr. William B. Marsh a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Bloomington Presbytery-that on the 3d of the present month (October) the Rev. George Musgrave Giger, D. D. was dismissed to join the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia-the Rev. John Lyle to join the Presbytery of Utica, and the Rev. J. H. Callen to join the Presbytery of New-York, and that by the action of the last General Assembly the Rev. William J. Wright was transferred from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of South Western Missouri.

Attest:

By order of Presbytery,
A. D. WHITE, Stated Clerk.

4th. The Presbytery of Newton, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 28 Ministers, and have under their care 27 Churches, 2 Licentiates and 4 Candidates.

The Presbyter: further report that on the 19th of October, 1864, they received the Rev. Benjamin S. Everitt from the Presbytery of West Jersey, and on the 17th of November installed him pastor of the church of Stroudsburg. That on the 25th of January, 1865, they dismissed the Rev. J. Ed in Miller to the Presbytery of Burlington. That on the 25th of April they dismissed Mr. Joseph C. Wycoff a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of North River, and received the Rev. Lyman Coleman from the Hartford South Association-that on the 26th of April they dismissed the Rev. Philip W. Melick to the Presbytery

of Northumberland, and on the same day dropped from their list of candidates the name of Mr. Thamar Snover.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. FORBESMAN, Stated Clerk.

5th. The Presbytery of West Jersey, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 23 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 19th of October, 1864, they received the Rev. Robert Osborn from the Presbytery of Greenbriar—that on the 1st of November they ordained Mr. Charles T. McMullin to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist, and installed the Rev. Charles Wood pastor of the church of Blackwoodtown—that on the 2d of November, they installed the Rev. William Cornell, pastor of the church of Woodstown—that on the 19th of April, 1865, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph W. Hubbard and the 2d church of Bridgeton—that on the 3d of October they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. S. J. Baird, D. D., and the church of Woodbury—that on the 4th of October they received the Rev. G. W. Cottrell from the Milwaukee District Convention of Presbyterian and Congregational Ministers.

Presbytery also report that the Rev. G. W. Janvier, D. D., departed this life on the 9th day of June, 1865.

By order of Presbytery,

JOSEPH W. HUBBARD, Stated Clerk.

6th. The Presbytery of Susquehanna, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches, 3 Licentiates and Candidates.

And the Presbytery further report that on the 1st of February, 1865, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. John Caldwell to the church of Canton, and on the same day dissolved the churches of Crawfordsville, Burlington, Friendsville, and Silver Lake-that on the 10th of May they installed the Rev. William Varris, pastor of the church of Towanda-and on the same day licensed Mr. Stephen P. Gates to preach the Gospel-that on the 30th of September they licensed Stephen A. Califf to preach the Gospel-dismissed the Rev. R. W. McCormick to the Presbytery of Genessee River, the Rev. Thomas A. Dewing to the Presbytery of Chemung, and Mr. Andrew Montgomery, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Delaware.

Presbytery also reports that on the 16th of January, 1865, it pleased God to remove by death the Rev. Julius Foster, pastor of the church of Towanda for 27 years, and one of the most devoted and useful ministers.

By order of Presbytery,

CHARLES C. CORRS, Stated Clerk.

7th. The Presbytery of Luzerne, report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 28 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 10th of November, 1864, they received the Rev. Samuel B. Dod from the Presbytery of Hudson, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Wilkesbarre-that on the same day they dissolved the

pastoral relation between the Rev. Samuel F. Colt and the 2d Church of Pottsville, and the pastoral relation between the Rev. Bernard Sickel and the German Church of Archibald--that on the 22d of December, they dismissed the Rev. Mr. Sickel to join the Lutheran Synod of Illinois--that on the 21st of April, 1865, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. A. Hodge and the church of Mauch Chunk--that on the 20th of September, they received the Rev. Ellis Newlin from the Presbytery of Newark--that on the same day they received under their care Mr. William I. Day, a licentiate from the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, and Mr. Solomon McElroy a licentiate from the Presbytery of Nassau, and on the following day ordained them to the work of the gospel ministry as Evangelists--that on the 17th of the month of October they received the Rev. William S. Plummer, D. D., from the Presbytery of Burlington--The Presbytery also report that the Rev. J. B. Adams, a beloved brother in the ministry departed this life on the 5th of July, 1865.

By order of Presbytery,

N. G. PAXTON, Stated Clerk.

8th. The Presbytery of Maritan, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 16 Ministers, and have under their care 18 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 1 Candidate.

They further report that on the 11th of April, 1865, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. James Lewers to the churches of Milford and Holland, and dismissed him to the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia--that on the same day they dismissed Mr. Reading B. Johns, a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New-Brunswick--that on the 2d Tuesday in June, they installed the Rev. M. L. Upham pastor of the First Church of Amwell--that on the 28th of July they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev.

Alfred Yeomans to the church of Musconetcong Valley, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Rochester City-and that on the 3d of October, they dismissed the Rev. John Macnair, D. D., to the Presbytery of Donegal.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

PETER C. STUDDIFORD, Stated Clerk.

9th. The Presbytery of Burlington, report to the Synod of New-Jersey that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care 12 Churches and 1 Candidate.

They further report that on the 23d of February, 1865, they received the Rev. J. Edwin Miller from the Presbytery of Newton, and installed him pastor of the churches of Plumstead and Plattsburgh-that on the 3d of October, they received the Rev. S. W. Thompson from the Presbytery of Long Island-that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Alden Scovel to join the Presbytery of Bloomington; the Rev. William S. Plumer, D. D., to join the Presbytery of Luzerne, and the Rev. Louis A. Fox to join the Presbytery of Potomac-They also report that on the 23d day of May last, the Rev. William Chester, D. D. was removed by death.

Respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,

L. C. BATE, Stated Clerk.

10th. The Presbytery of Monmouth, report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 13 Ministers, and have under their care 13 Churches and 2 Candidates.

They also report that on the 7th of December, 1864, they dismissed Mr. W. H. Edwards a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wilmington—that on the 24th of August, 1865, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. C. D. Nott and the Manchester church, and on the same day dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Chicago.

By order of Presbytery,
W. M. WELLS, Stated Clerk.

The records of Presbyteries were called for, and so far as received were placed in the hands of the committees appointed to examine them.

The Rev. A. S. Coltin of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Rev. J. B. Hutchinson of the New Jersey Baptist Association, were introduced to the Synod and invited to sit as corresponding members.

Resolved, That that part of the standing rules which requires members who arrive after the opening sessions of Synod to report to the committee on leave of absence, be rescinded, so that said members may report directly to the Synod.

The committee on leave of absence reported, that the following members of Synod had rendered satisfactory excuses for absence from the sessions of Synod at Bridgeton, N. J., in October, 1864.

Of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown:—Rev. Messrs. Hunt, Edwards, Corey, Van Doren, Scribner, Downer, Moore and Lucas.

Of the Presbytery of Passaic:—Rev. Messrs. E. Harris, Kirtland and Pingroy.

Of the Presbytery of New Brunswick:—Rev. Drs. Hodge, Duffield, Stewart, Nassau, Taylor and Mr. Westervelt.

Of the Presbytery of Newton:-Rev. Messrs. McGee and Simanton.

Of the Presbytery of West Jersey:-Rev. Mr. Stratton.

Of the Presbytery of Luzerne:-Rev. Messrs. Snowden and White.

Of the Presbytery of Haritan:-Rev. J. L. Janeway.

Of the Presbytery of Burlington:-Rev. Drs. Perkins and Plumer.

Of the Presbytery of Monmouth:-Rev. Messrs. Kehoo and Frazee.

The committee also report that the following members have given satisfactory excuses for absence from the session of Synod last evening:-

Of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown:-Rev. Mr. Moore, and Mr. Matthias Osborn, Elder from the church of New Providence.

Of the Presbytery of Passaic:-Mr. William Rankin, Jr., Elder from the Wickliffe Street church, and Mr. David B. Iverson, Elder from the church of Boiling Spring.

Of the Presbytery of New-Brunswick:-Rev. Dr. Nassau, and Mr. John Verhune, Elder from the 1st church, New Brunswick, Mr. Lemuel L. Chester, Elder from the 2d church, New Brunswick, and Mr. -----Davis, Elder from the church of Lawrenceville.

Of the Presbytery of Monmouth:-Rev. Mr. Kehoo, and Mr. Stephen Bryan, Elder from the Manalapan church.

Of the Presbytery of Burlington:-Mr. William R. Murphy, Elder from the church of Bordentown.

The committee further report that they have given leave of absence to the following members of Synod-the Rev. Dr. Nassau and Mr. Chester after this afternoon session, and to the Rev. Mr. Kehoo and Mr. Bryan after to-morrow afternoon.

The report was adopted.

It was made the order of the day for Thursday morning at half past 9 o'clock, to hear the report of the Committee on the subject of unemployed ministers and vacant churches.

Resolved, That Mr. William Rankin, Jr., Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Elder from the Wickliffe St. Church, be heard this evening at the Synodical prayer meeting on the condition and prospects of that Board.

The Rev. Mr. Hubbard from the committee appointed to draft the Synodical Narrative, made the following report which was adopted and ordered to be read at the Synodical prayer meeting this evening and published in the religious papers circulating within our bounds.

The Synod of New Jersey, in session at Princeton, New Jersey, to its churches sends greeting:

We meet at the close of another synodical year, to review, with gratitude, God's gracious dealings with us; to give ear to the voice of his chastening; and to renew our strength, by fraternal counsel, and humble waiting upon the Lord.

Nine of our eleven Presbyteries send up their reports of mingled mercy and judgment; while the hand that was accustomed to forward the Narrative of Susquehanna has been palsied in death; and from far off Corisco comes no voice, save an earnest appeal for help from our wearied labourers there, followed in single month, by the solemn voice of God, in the broken health of one of our five brethren, and the sudden death of another.

So, while we gather among the memorials of old privileges and old joys, the voices of the living and the appeals of the departed are alike encouraging, warning, and exhorting.

The Narratives which reach us are mostly of a cheerful tone. The unparalleled temporal prosperity of our churches has yielded fruit in the building, re-building, repairing, and adorning of houses of worship, and in paying church debts. Burlington, Luzerne, Monmouth, Newton and West Jersey especially report progress in this respect.

Many of our churches have recognized the scriptural principle, that the labourer is worthy of his hire, by adding liberally to their pastor's salaries. Yet it is feared that, in some instances, faithful and well educated servants of God are struggling on with salaries smaller than the incomes of the day-labourers to whom they minister. And we are persuaded that in many instances a connection may be traced, on the one hand, between the liberality of the church and the visitation of the Holy Spirit; and on the other, between the niggardly salary and the spiritual poverty of some churches. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly."

In general the bonds between pastors and people remain unbroken; and the ordinances of the gospel have been regularly observed. Two hundred and forty-six ministers and one hundred and ninety-five churches have closed their spiritual account for another year, and the solemn book is sealed.

We cannot forget to record, with grateful joy, that since last we met, the good hand of our God has been over our nation. The fields that were red with the blood of brothers have bloomed again; praying circles which were severed, are once more united; and even the smitten ones, upon whom the chastening fell heaviest, are blessing God that the nation lives, even though the darling of the bosom return no more.

The war had opened a new field for philanthropy; and in the soldier's tent, or on the field of carnage, or in the hospital, the servants of Christ were found, every where bearing comfort to the suffering, and offering the consolations of religion to the dying. A holy cause and the prayers of God's people preserved our patriot soldiers, in a great measure, from the evils of the camp, and made it to many souls the house of God, and the very gate of heaven.

Into the channels created by war the rich and the poor poured their willing offerings, as if their treasures were too small a sacrifice in the sacred cause. And now that it is over, while justice stoops to heal the wounds she has inflicted, let us hope that the stream of benevolence will go on in other and widening channels, until the hosts of sin and rebellion shall all submit to the peaceful reign of Jesus.

While we adore the mercy of God in the redemption of our land, we cannot too much exalt the grace which has kept the cause of Christ, at home and abroad, from languishing. In spite of the ceaseless calls of suffering humanity, it is believed that our churches have never done so much for the home and foreign field as during the past year.

Alas! that we should be compelled to sorrow over the progress that vice and immorality are making in so many places. Six of our reports deplore the fearful increase of intemperance, while several speak of increasing Sabbath desecration, profanity, gambling, and card-playing. Partly, no doubt, the heritage of our civil war; partly from the influx of a foreign population, bringing their foreign ideas of morality; and partly, we fear, from the apathy of Christians, these evils are unquestionably gaining ground in some places; and demand our earnest prayers and endeavors for a radical reform.

As to external affairs, our reports speak only the language of encouragement. The word, faithfully preached, is received with becoming interest. The reports concerning prayer-meetings generally indicate a good or an improved attendance-although one says, what doubtless all might well say, "not so general or regular as could be wished;" and New Brunswick complains of diminished numbers and a low state of piety.

The reports concerning Sabbath-schools are especially encouraging. Pastors and teachers seem to address themselves to the work with increased interest; and through these nurseries of piety the church is built up.

Our mission churches are receiving merited attention; and through them many souls are being gathered into the kingdom. Burlington, Monmouth, and West Jersey, are essentially missionary Presbyteries; and Monmouth proposes henceforth to employ a missionary to labor within its bounds.

Turning to the purely religious phase of our church affairs, we find less to cheer. No Presbytery reports an extended work of grace, though all give something to show that God has not utterly taken his Holy Spirit from them. Luzerne mourns a want of spirituality among church members. There is no monthly concert within its bounds; and family worship is greatly neglected. Monmouth joins the strain of humiliation, but cheers us with tidings of a blessed work of Grace in the old Tennent church, yielding as its fruits, one half the accessions reported in the Presbytery. Newton tells us of eight churches revived-some in a remarkable manner. New Brunswick speaks of more than usual interest in some instances. The Theological Seminary at Princeton had, last year, one hundred and sixty students. The College of New Jersey has felt the presence of the Holy Spirit; and, with devout thanksgiving, we record the fact that more than half of its students are professors of religion. Raritan speaks of additions to most of its churches. West Jersey

mentions a work of grace which pervaded six of its churches, and also the Presbyterian Academy at Bridgeton; and speaks of great hopefulness, on the part of the pastors, that the Lord, will return and revive his work.

The additions to our various churches on examination, as last reported, were 1002. These figures are a little below the average rate of additions for the last ten years; but considerably above it if we omit those two remarkable years of the right hand of the Most High, 1858 and 1859, when the fruits of the great revival amounted to 4105 in the two years. The actual gain in our membership, as reported to the General Assembly, has been 5305, in ten years, or twenty-seven per cent on the membership of 1855. The additions on profession have averaged five and two-tenths per cent. on the membership for the past ten years; while, for the past year, they have been but four-tenths per cent.

In these facts we have enough to make us humble and prayerful; and yet enough to make us hopeful and earnest. With churches prospered in temporal things more than ever before; with a noble spirit of liberality which has never flagged through the four dark years of trial; with a redeemed, and, we trust, repentant nation; with the boundless field of the world offering its rich harvests; and, above all, with the promise of our Saviour to sustain us, we cannot falter. It seems but little that God has permitted us to do; but is it a little thing if a thousand thrills of joy have been felt in the presence of the angels of God at the tidings which have gone up from our seemingly barren field?

But while we labor on, we hear a voice saying, "The night cometh." The night came, and the venerable and gifted Dr. Chester fell asleep in the midst of his labors. The night came and our esteemed

brother Adams, worn out with efforts for our sick and wounded soldiers, entered into rest. The night came, and Professor Giger, the accomplished scholar and zealous instructor, had scarcely laid aside the duties of his office, when the silent messenger called him home. The night came, and the beloved and venerated Dr. Magie passed through the gloom, to walk in the light of that city which has no need of the sun. The night came, and Julius Foster, the beloved pastor, and model of faithfulness, in all ecclesiastical duties, was called to his reward from among the devoted people whom he had served from the beginning of his ministry. The night came, and the beloved father Janvier passed joyously over to meet his honored missionary son, who had so lately put on the martyr's crown. The night came, and Paul, the young and zealous missionary of Corisco, having gathered a few joyous sheaves of Africa's great harvest, returned to his island home to hear the master's voice, saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

And to day a solemn inquiry goes abroad to our Colleges and Seminaries, and to our homes of luxury and refinement as well, asking, "Who will be baptized for the dead? Who will take the banner of the cross from the fallen standard-bearer, and plant it in the heart of great benighted Africa? The shadows are deepening. The night cometh to us all. But while the night cometh to us, it is glorious to see the day dawning more widely over the guilty world.

And now, gathered among these classic seats, so near the sacred dust of the venerated fathers of our church, and among the scenes where their calm spirits must delight to linger; above the great cloud of witnesses, we behold by faith the crucified and risen Saviour, pointing us to the perishing field-and hear his voice saying, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

The Rev. M. L. Berger of the Particular Synod of New York, of the Reformed Dutch Church was introduced to the Synod, and invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. Thomas A. Ogden of the Synod of Missouri, the Rev. D. M. Smith of the Synod of Albany, and the Rev. Joseph R. Nassau of the Synod of Buffalo were introduced to the Synod and invited to sit as corresponding members.

The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 2. relating to the adoption of certain standing rules in reference to absentees- which was laid on the table.

The following communication was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

PRINCETON, Oct. 18th, 1855.

Mr. Moderator,

The Rev. A. S. Colton wishes to return thanks to this Synod for the honor done him by their invitation to sit as a corresponding member; and prays that the blessing of God may attend them in their deliberations and ministry.

The committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer, and to make an assessment on the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, made a report which was recommitted with instructions to take the proportionate number of communicants in each Presbytery as reported in the latest minutes of the General Assembly, as the basis of new assessments to be reported to the Synod, and that hereafter all assessments be made upon this basis.

The following members appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

Mr. Amos Rue, Elder, from the church of Dutch Neck, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and Mr. William D. Sinclair of the 2d church of Trenton of the same Presbytery.

The Rev. William Thompson of the Presbytery of Luzerne. The Rev. John R. Wilcox of the Presbytery of Haritan, and Mr. Moses Barick, Elder, from the church of Fox Hill, of the same Presbytery, and Mr. James H. Stevens, Elder, from the 1st church of Camden, of the Presbytery of Burlington.

Synod spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

Synod then adjourned, to meet 3 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'clock.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Mr. James Rue, Elder, from the Tennant Church of the Presbytery of Woonmouth, appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The committee on leave of absence reported that satisfactory reasons for absence from the Sessions of Synod at Bridgeton, N. J. in October, 1864, had been rendered by the following members of Synod-viz:

Of the Presbytery of Elizabeth:-Rev. Messrs. Hunt, Cernell, and Bond.

Of the Presbytery of New Brunswick:- Rev. Drs. Maclean, McGill, Atwater, McIlvaine, Green, Moffat, C. W. Hodge, Giger, and Hamill, and the Rev. Messrs. Stobbins, Cattel and White.

Of the Presbytery of Newton:-Rev. Messrs. G. Lane and Petrie.

Of the Presbytery of Luzerne:-Rev. Mr. Rosenthal.

Of the Presbytery of Haritan:-Rev. Messrs. J. A. Blauvelt, J. B. F. Janeway, and Upham.

Of the Presbytery of Burlington:-Rev. E. B. Dodge.

Of the Presbytery of Susquehanna:-Rev. Mr. Corss.

Also, that the Rev. Mr. Pond of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown has sent a satisfactory excuse for his absence from the present Sessions of Synod.

The committee also report that they have given leave of absence, to the following members of Synod. Rev. Mr. Cornell until tomorrow morning-Rev. J. H. Clark after to-morrow morning's Session-Rev. Mr. Petrie, the same-to the Rev. Mr. Freeman, Rev. Mr. Heiley and Mr. R. L. Cook, Elder, from the remaining Sessions of Synod-to the Rev. Mr. Salmon, Rev. Mr. Hubbel and Mr. Emory, Elder, after this evening-and to the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick after this afternoon Session.

The committee further report that by leave of absence having been given to Mr. Heiley, his place as a member of the Committee becomes vacant.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Edgar of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, was appointed on the committee on leave of absence in the place of Mr. Heiley.

The Committee on the division of the Synod had to leave to retire.

The Rev. Spencer L. Finney of the Synod of New York, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Frederick R. Brace of the Presbytery of West Jersey, appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The Rev. Dr. Taylor, one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society was then heard with reference to the condition and prospects of that Institution.

Whereupon resolutions were offered by the Rev. Dr. Plumer, Sheldon, and Hamill, and the Rev. Mr. Blackburn, Ministers, and Mr. Rankin, Elder.

The Rev. Dr. Burrows of San Francisco, was heard with reference to the cause of education on the Pacific Coast.

The Rev. Mr. Hood of the Synod of Philadelphia, and the Rev. Mr. Lyon of the Synod of Albany, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Account reported that they had examined the same with the vouchers, and find a balance due the Treasurer of \$17.25.

The report was adopted.

The same committee having been instructed by the Synod to make an assessment on the several Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, and in doing so, to take the proportionate number of communicants in each Presbytery as the basis of assessment, report that \$140 will be needed, and they recommend that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows:-

Presbytery of Elizabethtown,	\$17.30
" " Passaic,	16.10
" " New Brunswick,	28.20
" " Newton,	21.90
" " West Jersey	12.70

Presbytery of Susquehanna,	\$ 5.40
" " Luzerne,	13.80
" " Haritan,	10.90
" " Burlington,	4.60
" " Monmouth,	9.20
	140.00

The report and recommendation were adopted.

A committee consisting of Mr. Weir, Rev. Mr. Pingry, ministers, and Mr. John Terhune, elder, was appointed to take into consideration the subject of education on the Pacific Coast as presented by Mr. Burrows, and prepare resolutions for the action of the Synod.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution relating to the printing of the Minutes of Synod, propose the adoption of the following orders and standing rules:

1st. The minutes of Synod shall be published by the clerks annually, together with complete lists of ministers who are not pastors, and of the pastors, ruling Elders and Deacons of all the churches within our bounds; and the several Presbyteries shall include the lists aforesaid in their annual statistical reports.

2d. In order to complete for the present year the proposed publication, the Sessions of the several churches shall send to the stated clerk, before the 20th of November next, full lists as aforesaid.

3rd. In the publication of the Minutes, the names of absentees shall be omitted; and the names of the members present, and the lists of ministers, and church officers shall be printed not in columns or tables, but in compact paragraphs, one for each Presbytery in the former case, and for each church in the latter.

4th. Until further orders are given, an edition of not less than 500 copies shall be published annually, and these shall be distributed to the several Presbyteries in proportion to the latest assessment made upon them for Synodical expenses-the copies for each being delivered as the Presbytery shall direct all together in New York, Philadelphia, Trenton, or Newark; or, by special agreement in any other place.

Synod spent half an hour in devotional exercises, and then adjourned to meet at half past 7 o'clock, P. M. Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, half past 7 o'clock

Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Synod then attended upon the exercises of the Synodical prayer meeting agreeably to the recommendation of the committee on religious exercises.

The committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Passaic reported that the book had not been brought to the Synod, and asked to be discharged, and they were discharged accordingly.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute respecting the Bible Society recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:-

1st. Resolved, that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the pure word of God, divinely and plenarily inspired and able to make men wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2d. Resolved, that this Synod has high confidence in the wisdom and efficiency of the American Bible Society, and firmly believes that

that such an Institution is indispensable to the welfare of the American churches, and to the spread of the Gospel in lands that may be reached by their influence.

3rd. Resolved, that Synod has heard with pleasure and with gratitude to God, the statements of the Rev. Dr. Taylor, one of the Secretaries of the American Bible Society respecting the success of efforts made to send the word of God to the destitute of this and other lands, and hails with joy the prospects of enlarged influence in holding forth the word of life to Mohammedan and Roman Catholic countries.

4th. Resolved, that with pleasure this Synod has heard of the appointment of one of its members, Rev. S. J. Baird, D. D. as an agent for this cause in Eastern Virginia, and that we cordially recommend him and his labors to the friendly co-operation of the brethren and churches among whom his lot may be cast.

5th. Resolved, that this Synod devoutly recognizes the gracious and signal favor of the Almighty God to the American Bible Society in its history for fifty years; and that it is fitting that the friends of the Bible in this land should not forget that this is the Jubilee; that the Bible Society should make suitable arrangements for celebrating at its next anniversary the goodness of God manifested towards it since its organization in 1815, and that we cordially recommend to our churches and people to bring liberal thankofferings to the Lord in the form of increased aid for the more rapid and extensive diffusion of his revealed will among all people.

The special committee to whom was referred the papers relating to a division of the Synod, reported, that those papers consist,

1st. Of an "Overture" from the Presbytery of West Jersey referred to us from the last meeting of the Synod-praying this body to erect a new Synod to be composed of the Presbyteries of West Jersey, Burlington and Monmouth.

2d., Of a memorial from the Presbytery of Luzerne, declaring as the mind of that body that any action contemplating an early division of the Synod will work disaster and imperil important interests within their bounds. And further, they believe that after a year or two, the developments of Divine Providence will indicate such division as may be acceptable to all parts of Synod. Therefore, Presbytery earnestly prays the Synod to postpone the consideration of the subject of its division.

The committee after full investigation recommend that the petition contained in the overture from the Presbytery of West Jersey be not granted. From statements made by the members of the Presbyteries proposed to be constituents of the new Synod, they deem it inexpedient and injurious to form a Synod upon the line proposed in the overture.

They also recommend that, as a more central division is desirable and will probably be soon asked for, that may be satisfactory to all parties, no action for the present be taken by the Synod. The report and recommendation were adopted.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last Session of the Synod were read.

The Rev. H. I. Coe, of the Synod of Missouri, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

It was made the 2d order of the day to hear the Rev. Mr. Logan, Secretary of the Western Committee for the instruction of the Freedmen-the 3d order of the day to hear the Rev. Mr. Coe, and the 4th order to hear the Rev. Mr. Arbousset.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered for the consideration of the Synod by Dr. Ogden.

Whereas it is known to this Synod that a diversity of views in relation to the position and duties of the office of Deacon prevails among the churches in this Synod and in some of the churches the office has become extinct, (the Ruling Elders performing the duties of both offices,) and inasmuch as the state of the church in relation to this office, as first instituted by the Apostles has materially changed,

Resolved, 1st, That a committee be appointed to prepare a report on this whole subject, to be submitted to the Synod for its action at the next stated meeting.

Resolved, 2d, That the Pastors and Sessions of the churches under our care be directed to report to this committee the practice which has prevailed and which now prevails among them in relation to this office.

Pending the discussion on these resolutions, the first order of the day was taken up, viz: The report of the committee on unemployed ministers. The report was accepted and recommitted, with the addition to the committee of the Rev. Dr. Charles Hodge, and Mr. Grand, Elder.

The Rev. Hollis Head of the Presbytery of Passaic, and the Rev. Amzi L. Armstrong of the Presbytery of New Brunswick appeared in Synod, and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The Rev. H. C. Cameron of the Synod of Philadelphia, the Rev. Peter A. Studdiford of the Particular Synod of New York, of the Reformed Dutch Church, and the Rev. Dr. Hance of the New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. George P. Van Wyck of the Presbytery of Raritan, and the Rev. Alexander T. McGill, D. D. of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The Rev. Mr. Logan was then heard with reference to the condition of the Freedmen under the care of the Western Committee, when the Rev. Drs. Macdonald and Hall, Ministers, and Mr. Myerson, Elder, were appointed a committee to prepare a paper expressive of the views of the Synod on this subject.

It was resolved, that the Rev. Hollis Head be heard this evening with reference to the claims of the Ashman Institute.

A communication was received from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly informing the Synod that the Synod of New Jersey had been assessed in the sum of \$250, to provide for the deficiency in the contingent fund of the General Assembly, which communication was referred to the committee on the Treasurer's account, to make an assessment on the several Presbyteries for the purpose of raising the said sum of \$250.

Rev. Dr. Baird from the committee appointed to bring in a minute with reference to the subject presented by the Rev. Dr. Burrows, offered the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with interest the statement of the Rev. Dr. Burrows with reference to the state of religion in California and the history of the College over which he presides, and tenders him its cordial congratulations upon the eminent success which has attended his self-denying labors in that behalf.

Resolved, That we commend to the prayerful regards of our people the cause of Christ on our Pacific Coast and especially the rising College of San Francisco, so rich in promise for the future of California and the nations of the Pacific.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the Presbyteries of Burlington, Baritan, Elizabethtown, Newton, Monmouth, Susquehann, Luzerne, and New Brunswick, severally reported, and these records were approved.

The Synod spent half an hour in devotional exercises, and then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P. M. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The committee on leave of absence reported that satisfactory excuses for absence from Sessions of Synod at Bridgeton in October, 1864, have been rendered by the Rev. Mr. Witherow of the Presbytery of Burlington, Rev. J. A. Vodge of the Presbytery of Luzerne, and the Rev. J. M. Rogers of the Presbytery of Monmouth. Also, that they have given leave of absence to the following members of Synod:-

Of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown:-Dr. Shedd and Mr. Cornell, from the remaining Sessions of Synod; and to the Rev. Mr. Plumley and Mr. Watson, Elder from Metuchen, after this afternoon's Session.

Of the Presbytery of Passaic:-Dr. Craven until to-morrow morning-and the Rev. Mr. Pollock and Messrs. Andrus and Iverson, Elders from the remaining Sessions of Synod.

Of the Presbytery of New Brunswick:-Rev. Messrs. Blackburn and Hazard, and Mr. Brokaw, Elder from the remaining sessions, and Mr. Fuller, Elder, after this afternoon session.

Of the Presbytery of West Jersey:-Rev. Messrs. Brace and Brown, and Mr. Pierson, Elder from the remaining sessions-and to Rev. Messrs. Wood, McMullen and Shields, and Mr. Fithian, Elder, after this afternoon's Session.

Of the Presbytery of Luzerne:-Rev. Messrs. White and Newland, and Mr. Russel, Elder from the remaining Sessions of Synod.

Of the Presbytery of Burlington:-Rev. Dr. Reed, and Messrs. Scudder, Stevens, and Murphy, Elders from the remaining Sessions of Synod.

The committee report further that by leave of absence given to Mr. Fithian a member of this committee, his place as such member becomes vacant. The report was adopted.

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly reported. Pending the discussion of this report, the Synod proceeded to the 3d order of the day and heard the Rev. W. I. Coe in behalf of the Boards of the Church, and the Fund for disabled Ministers, etc.

The Rev. Mr. Arbouset then addressed the Synod.

The committee on the Treasurer's account to whom was committed the communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly with view of assessing the Presbyteries to raise \$300 assessed upon the Synod to meet the deficiency in the contingent fund of the General Assembly, reported the following assessment:-

Presbytery of Elizabethtown,	\$31.00
" " Passaic,	30.00
" " New Brunswick,	49.00
" " Newton,	40.00
" " West Jersey,	22.00
" " Susquehanna,	9.00
" " Luzerne,	25.00
" " Raritan,	20.00
" " Burlington,	8.00
" " Monmouth,	16.00

The report was adopted.

Synod spent half hour in devotional exercises, and then adjourned to meet at half past 7 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING, half past 7 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Rev. Hollis Head was heard with reference to the claims of the Ashman Institute. Whereupon the following paper was adopted.

The Synod having heard the statement of the Rev. Hollis Head in regard to the Ashman Institute takes great pleasure in expressing its deep sense of the great importance of this Institution to the welfare of the African race, and most cordially commends it to the prayers and liberality of all our people.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the views of the Synod respecting the cause represented by the Rev. Mr. Logan, Secretary of the Assembly's Committee on Freedmen reported the following:-

Resolved, That it is a most sacred duty incumbent on all the christian people of our land to co-operate in supplying the colored people of the South with religious instruction and with schools.

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Synod too great prudence cannot be exercised in appointing men for this work in the South, who will seek to conciliate and gain the co-operation of the Southern people.

Resolved, That the collection recommended by the Assembly in behalf of this committee be urged upon the attention of all our ministers and churches.

The following resolution was passed with reference to Mr. Arbousset:

Resolved, That having heard the Rev. Mr. Arbousset respecting the French Protestant Mission in Tahiti, we cordially commend this mission to the churches in connection with our Synod, and request that collections be made in behalf of this important enterprise.

The Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, and which report as follows:

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly beg leave to call the attention to the of the following points as deserving notice from this body.

1. The action of the Assembly in reference to the approval by this Synod of the course of one or more of our Presbyteries in dismissing ministers to Congregational Associations. (see pages 553-590). It appears that the Assembly hesitated as to sanctioning dismissions to these bodies; being in doubt

as to their true ecclesiastical character; and they referred the matter to Dr. Green to make inquiries in the premises, and report to the next General Assembly.

Your committee have no hesitation in expressing their convictions that the action of the Presbyteries in dismissing their members to orthodox Congregational Associations, and of the Synod in approving such action is right in itself and sanctioned by the uniform usages of our church. The Congregational Associations are the organizations in the communion which have the custody of the character of Congregational ministers and the prerogative of licensing candidates to preach the Gospel. That they are not constituted in all respects according to our principles or convictions is simply saying that they are not Presbyterians. This, however, is no reason why we should erect any new obstacles to the communion and interchange of ministers and members between these two great branches of the Christian Church.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following minute:

Resolved, That the dismissal of ministers by our Presbyteries to Orthodox Congregational Associations, (when removing within their bounds of for other sufficient cause,) is in accordance with the uniform practice of our church, and that we see no reason for its discontinuance.

2. On page 575 of the Minutes the Assembly have authorized the Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary to employ an agent to raise funds to enlarge the endowment of the Seminary so as to meet the increase of the salaries of the Professors; to raise funds for the increase of scholarships and for other purposes of the Institution. Whereupon your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we cordially recommend the object to the favor of our churches, and trust that they will contribute liberally towards the endowment of this, our oldest Theological Seminary which has special claims upon them, as being within the bounds of this Synod.

Another point which deserves the consideration of Synod is the following; in reference to the course of study in the Seminary, and is commended to the favorable consideration of the next General Assembly; (see pages 573-4) viz: "That the Assembly approve of the extension of the course of study in the Princeton Theological Seminary from three years to four, agreeably to the prayer of the professors of that Seminary communicated through its Board of Directors; and that a like extension be allowed to the other Seminaries under the care of this body; provided it be deemed expedient by the Professors and Directors of these institutions.

Your committee suggest the following action:

1st. Resolved, That in view of the great reduction in the length of the annual term appropriated to study in our Seminaries, and the enlargement of the course of study required by the present standard of high Theological education, the extension of the term of study from three to four years is approved by this Synod.

2d. Resolved, That the Synod recognizing the importance of the practical training of candidates for the ministerial work respectfully overture the General Assembly to consider whether some plan cannot be adopted by which this training may be secured during the Seminary vacations.

3rd. Resolved, That this Synod recommend to the Presbyteries under its care to take action on the employment, under ministerial supervision, of their candidates.

4th. On page 513 of the Minutes, we find an injunction upon Synods in these words, "This injunction to Presbyteries is in like manner applicable to the Synods, and it is hereby ordered that upon the application of any Presbytery to be received into any Synod, where such Presbytery is or has been connected with the Southern General Assembly such Synod shall examine all the members of such Presbytery on the points above named, and the reception of such Presbytery, or any of the ministers thereof, by such Synod shall depend upon their compliance with the conditions before mentioned."

"As these conditions seem to us to be of a nature of "constitutional rules," prescribing new terms of communion, we are of the opinion, that, in order to be binding upon either Synods, Presbyteries, or Sessions, these injunctions should have been transmitted to the Presbyteries, and have been approved by a majority of them. (Form of Gov't, chap. 12, art. 6.) And we fear that the various requirements in this series of injunctions touching the ministers and members of churches in the Southern States, unless modified, will necessarily aggravate and perpetuate, instead of healing the breaches between us and them, arising out of our recent conflict."

Your committee, therefore, suggest for the consideration of Synod, the following action on this subject, to wit:

"That this Synod overture the next General Assembly to take such action in regard to our relations to Southern Christians, as may, without any sacrifice of truth and righteousness, tend to heal existing breaches, and, if possible, to prevent schism, and the formation of a new sect among American Presbyterians."

The report was accepted and adopted, with the exception of that portion of it which takes to the

four years course of study in the Theological Seminary. That portion was referred to the Presbyteries under the care of the Synod.

Ordered, That the Stated Clerk forward the Statistical Report of the Synod to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

A paper was offered by the Rev. D. V. McLean, which having been amended was adopted and is as follows:-

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly urges upon all our churches the observance of the first week in January next, including the last Sabbath in December, and the first in January, as a season of special prayer for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the churches and for the conversion of the world; and also the last Thursday in February as a day of prayer for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon our children and youth, and especially upon those assembled in the schools, colleges, and all institutions of learning in our land.

The committee on unemployed ministers again reported, and the following resolutions, which were amended by the addition of the fourth, containing a letter addressed to the Elders and Trustees of the churches within the bounds of the Synod were adopted.

1. Resolved, That this Synod memorialize the General Assembly on the importance and duty of devising measures to secure the effective services of such unemployed ministers as are still adequate to the discharge of the duties of the sacred office.

2. Resolved, That every minister devoted to his work is entitled to an adequate support, and as the obligation to furnish that support does not rest exclusively on the several congregations

which such ministers serve, but on the Church as a whole, it be earnestly requested that the General Assembly organize means to raise a sustentation fund which may yield to every pastor a salary of at least \$750 a year, such fund to be raised by annual contributions from the churches, as in the Free Church of Scotland.

3. Resolved, That in view of the exigencies of the present times, it be earnestly enjoined on the churches of this Synod to make adequate provision for the support of their pastors during the current year.

4. That the following letter be addressed to the Elders and Trustees of the churches of this Synod:-

Dear Brethren:

The Synod of New Jersey desires to call your attention to the inadequate support of the ministry within its bounds.

Facts brought to light during its sessions in Princeton, show that many of the Ministers greatly need an immediate increase of the amount they now receive for the support of their families. The wants of the winter now at hand will press heavily upon them.

The Synod requests you to inquire into the circumstances of your own pastor, and to take steps to supply what may be lacking for the comfortable maintenance of himself and family.

By referring to the Assembly's Minutes for 1854, you will find that the highest judicatory of the church requires such an enquiry to be made at a stated time in each year.

The Synod further directs that this letter be read from the pulpit on the first convenient Lord's day after its reception.

By order of the Synod,
Your brethren in the Lord,
JOHN A. MORTIMER, Moderator.

R. K. Rodgers,
George Hale, Clerks.

October, 1865.

The following paper, offered for the consideration of the Synod was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Since the Synod last met our beloved country, then afflicted and desolated by one of the most fearful wars which have ever scourged our race, has been, in God's good providence, restored to peace and measurable harmony.

Whereas, This happy result has been connected with the destruction, almost total, of the system of human bondage, which had so long divided, agitated, and cursed the nation, and for the extinguishment of which the General Assembly of 1864 exhorted all to strive and pray; and Whereas, This Synod during the progress of the war, again and again, by both example and precept, urged united and earnest prayer for the restoration of the Union, the overthrow of its enemies in arms, the removal of the causes which had been so prolific of discord and conflict, with the pardon of our national and individual sins, and the return of God's favor to our afflicted land, therefore,

Resolved, That we would humbly recognize, as a Synod, and would press upon our churches the duty of thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church and Ruler among the nations, for the merciful answer which he has vouchsafed to our prayers, for the triumph of our national cause, for the re-establishment of our government over the whole union, for the almost universal emancipation of the slaves, and for the brightening prospect of a happy restoration of fraternal and Christian feeling throughout our pacificated country.

The following paper presented by Dr. Miller was adopted.

The Synod heartily approves of the zeal and activity which the General Assembly's Board of Publication has displayed in regard to the great nation of freedmen so lately and wonderfully prepared in God's good providence for the reception of literary culture and evangelical knowledge; and would do all in its power to encourage the earnest prosecution of their efforts in this behalf, whether as subsidiary to the General Assembly's Committee for Freedmen, or however they may be called to enter upon this most interesting field.

The Synod has heard with great pleasure of the Board's operations in supplying with their books Presbyterian Churches and Sabbath schools at the South in their present grievous destitution by reason of the desolation of war, and would earnestly recommend a very liberal prosecution of this most interesting and important work, trusting that our church will fully sustain the Board in their adventurous efforts to demonstrate the kind feelings of Northern Christians towards their Southern brethren, their sincere desire to promote on both sides a conciliatory spirit tending to harmony and union, and their readiness to give and strive for the restoration of the ruins which war has produced.

Finally the Synod would call the attention of all the churches to the work of this Board as having assumed under present circumstances a character of peculiar interest and importance, and as claiming special efforts on the part of all our congregations to sustain it by liberal contributions, and a special remembrance at the throne of grace.

Leave was given to the Rev. Dr. Baird to publish the report of the committee on unemployed ministers.

The resolution offered by Dr. Ogden with reference to the office of Deacon in the churches were laid upon the table.

The Synod of New Jersey finding a great diversity of practice among their churches, as to the manner of Pastor's resigning their pastoral charge respectfully overture the General Assembly on this point.

Is it the intent of Chapter 17th "Form of Government" that a minister desiring to resign his pastoral charge, shall in all cases first make his request known to the Presbytery?

The committee on leave of absence reported that leave of absence had been given to the Rev. Mr. James of the Presbytery of Passaic; Mr. Day, Elder, from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, and Mr. Curtis, Elder, from the Presbytery of Newton, from this afternoon, and the remaining sessions of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Princeton and vicinity for the hospitality which they have so kindly extended to the members during the sessions of the body.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church in the city of Elizabeth, on the Third Tuesday of October, 1888, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the benediction.

RAYMOND K. BODDERT, Stated Clerk.

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